

October 4, 2002

The Federal Communications Commission
c/o Commission Secretary Marlene Dortch
445 12th Street SW
CY-B402
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Proceeding 02-306

I am writing on behalf of the Glendale Chamber of Commerce, a professional organization of more than 1,300 members dedicated to promoting a favorable business climate consistent with maintaining a high quality of life.

The Chamber is an organization committed to sound, stable economic growth, working to increase prosperity by encouraging growth of existing business and nurturing new enterprise. The majority of our members are small businesses.

We, therefore, support regulation that helps small business development. Currently, long distance telephone companies are focusing their marketing efforts only on large businesses, leaving small businesses with expensive and limited choice for long distance service.

More competition in the long distance market will force companies to lower their prices and consider the needs of smaller businesses. We have already seen these benefits with the increased competition in the wireless market. Many of our small businesses that could not afford wireless communication are now connected to their customers at all times.

SBC Pacific Bell has served small business well in the local and wireless market. It's time that it be allowed to provide long distance service.

Sincerely,

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Glendale Chamber of Commerce